



## **Staff Report**

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### UPDATE ON HIGH SPEED RAIL – DISCUSSION REGARDING AD HOC COMMITTEE

Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

#### **Summary**

Staff is seeking Council discussion and confirmation on formulating an Ad-Hoc Committee to assist in research & outreach efforts, provide volunteer support, and address HSR issues for City staff and the City Council.

#### **Background/Discussion**

The City Council reviewed the Ad-Hoc Committee concept at their June 29, 2010 meeting. As discussed previously, an on-going effort will be required to review and assess HSR documents, studies and issues throughout the life of this project. As the project progresses, community input and policy direction from the City Council will be needed. A Draft Mission Statement/Scope of Work commensurate with establishing an Ad-Hoc Committee, and a Draft List of Stakeholders is provided as part of this report – see Attachment A.

#### **General Plan/Vision Statement**

Review of this matter furthers the City's Vision Statement(s) as follows:

##### **Distinctive Community Character**

- *We get involved in town matters because we care about living here.*
- *Our strong sense of community and enjoyment of the town's assets and activities deepen as we become better informed and connected.*

#### **Fiscal Impact**

The City Council previously authorized up to \$10k in funding towards the HSR project. A significant portion of these funds have been allocated (staff/resource commitments). Staff continually seeks direction as to conferral of additional funds towards this effort.

#### **Public Contact**

Posting of City Council agenda.

#### **Recommendation**

Staff is seeking Council direction and confirmation on formulating an Ad-Hoc Committee to assess & develop responses to HSR issues, confirm Council policy direction, and represent Belmont interests for this project.

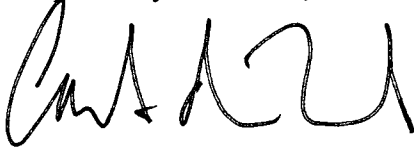
**Alternatives**

1. Discuss options for creating an Ad-Hoc or Subcommittee.
2. Direct staff to return with additional information.
3. Continue the review of this matter.
4. Take no action.

**Attachments**

- A. Draft Mission Statement/Scope of Work – Ad-Hoc Committee & Draft Stakeholder List

Respectfully submitted,



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## **ATTACHMENT A**

### **Draft Proposal on formulation of a Belmont High Speed Rail Ad Hoc Committee**

#### Proposed Mission Statement/Scope of Work:

- Keep City Council informed on HSR by providing information, research, and timely updates on events, decisions and publications affecting Belmont. Prepare concise and understandable summaries of such items for public presentation at City Council meetings.
- Attend Peninsula Cities Consortium meetings and provide regular reports to City Council on the activities and outcomes of the PCC.
- Work with City staff to create and update web access (via Belmont.Gov) to relevant HSR and PCC publications, City staff reports and official documents related to HSR.
- Formulate and monitor a list of issues and concerns affecting Belmont.
- Inform Belmont residents of the background, scope, and progress of the HSR project and its impacts on Belmont, via community meetings, publications, announcements, and any other vehicle approved by Council.
- Maintain an open communication channel with Stakeholders (attached list) by keeping them informed of progress and events, and soliciting input of concerns and ideas.

#### Proposed Committee Structure:

12 members to be selected by the City Council from the following groups:

- 1 Planning and Development Department staff
- 1 Public Works Department staff
- 1 Planning Commissioner
- 1 Finance Commissioner
- 1 Parks & Recreation Commissioner
- 1 Green Advisory Committee Member
- 2 Representatives from the business community (Chamber of Commerce)
- 2 Neighborhood Association Members (At Least 1 from Sterling Downs or Homeview Association)
- 2 Citizens at Large

## **DRAFT BELMONT HIGH SPEED RAIL STAKEHOLDERS LIST – 7/27/10**

### **CITY OF BELMONT**

City Council  
Planning Commission  
Parks & Recreation Commission  
Police Department  
Fire Department  
Community Development Department  
Public Works Department  
Mid Peninsula Water District  
Emergency Services

### **NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS**

Antique Forest Homeowners Association  
Belmont Heights Civic Improvement Association  
Belmont Woods Homeowners Association  
Central Neighborhood Association  
Cipriani Neighborhood Association  
Farallon Homeowner Association  
Homeview Neighborhood Association  
McDougal Neighborhood Association  
Montcarle Homeowners Association  
Plateau-Skymont Neighborhood Association  
Sterling Downs Neighborhood Association  
Sterling Point Homeowners Association  
The Knolls of Belmont  
Tudor Village Homeowners Association  
Western Hills Neighborhood Association

### **BELMONT REDWOOD SHORES SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Ralston Middle School  
Central Elementary School  
Nesbit Elementary School

### **SEQUOIA UNIFIED HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Carlmont High School

### **BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS, LOCAL BUSINESSES & SCHOOLS**

Businesses (*list of every business on El Camino, Old County, Ralston, Village, and connectors*)  
Belmont Chamber of Commerce  
Charles Armstrong School  
Notre Dame High School  
NDNU University  
Notre Dame Elementary School  
IHM School

### **OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

Belmont Open Space Trust  
Sports Groups  
Peninsula Cities Consortium (PCC)